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1978 LUSAKA DECLARATION

REF: LUSAKA 964

1. SUMMARY: IN CLOSING SESSION MARCH 23 OF EXTRAORDINARY SESSION
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OF COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA, THE COUNCIL ADOPTED THE 1978 LUSAKA
DECLARATION (SEPTEL) AND THE COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE
ORGANIZATION OF THE UPCOMING UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA.
END SUMMARY.

2. UNDER DETERMINED LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT GWEN KONIE, WHO
EFFECTIVELY KEPT COUNCIL'S NOSE TO THE GRINDSTONE, UN COUNCIL

FOR NAMIBIA CONCLUDED ITS EXTRAORDINARY SESSION MARCH 23, ONE DAY AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. CONTRIBUTING SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE EARLY CONCLUSION WAS KONIE'S SUCCESS IN AVOIDING ALL STATEMENTS OF NATIONAL POLICY BY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

3. THE CLOSING SESSION WHICH CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE TO ZAMBIA AND THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY THE ADOPTION OF THE 1978 LUSAKA DECLARATION (SEPT-TEL-NOTAL) AND THE COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ORGANIZATION OF THE UPCOMING UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA (TO BE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT AND USUN). THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE ROUTINE, EXCEPT FOR THE AGENDA WHICH IS ALSO CONTAINED IN THE LUSAKA DECLARATION.

4. THE 1978 LUSAKA DECLARATION EXPRESSES THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA'S FULL SUPPORT FOR THE ARMED STRUGGLE LED BY SWAPO BUT (IN PARA 9) "FURTHER SUPPORTS THE POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS OF SWAPO TO SECURE GENUINE INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA." COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND THIS TO BE THE FIRST TIME THAT THE COUNCIL HAS EVEN BY IMPLICATION ENDORSED SWAPO'S PARTICIPATION IN THE WESTERN FIVE NEGOTIATIONS. END COMMENT.

5. THE ONLY OTHER REFERENCE TO THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONTAINED IN PARA 23-26. IN THOSE PARAGRAPHS, THE COUNCIL "COMMENDS SWAPO FOR ITS WILLINGNESS TO REACH A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT" AND "NOTES THAT SWAPO HAS MADE FAR-REACHING AND SUBSTANTIVE CONCESSIONS
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TO FACILITATE THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS." "ON THE OTHER HAND SOUTH AFRICA BY ITS CONTINUED INTRANSIGENCE AND INFLEXIBILITY HAS REFUSED TO DEMONSTRATE ANY GOOD FAITH OR WILLINGNESS TO SERIOUSLY ENTER INTO MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS FOR ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM NAMIBIA." THE COUNCIL "REJECTS THE IDEA THAT SOUTH AFRICA.. HAS ANY LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN NAMIBIA ABOUT WHICH SWAPO SHOULD BE PRESSED TO MAKE CONCESSIONS..." AND "WARMS THAT UNLESS EFFECTIVE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE IS DEMONSTRABLY BROUGHT TO BEAR ON SOUTH AFRICA, THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS WILL NOT SUCCEED."

6. OTHER ITEMS OF SPECIAL NOTE IN THE DECLARATION ARE:
(A) REFERENCE (IN PARA 11) TO SOUTH AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT OF ATOMIC WEAPONS "INSIDE NAMIBIA";
(B) PARA 17 DESCRIBES THE MILITARIZATION OF NAMIBIA BY SOUTH AFRICA AS CONSTITUTING A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. PARAGRAPH 28 CALLS ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO TAKE DEFINITIVE ACTION TO ELIMINATE THIS THREAT AND URGES THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO APPLY SANCTIONS UNDER CHAPTER SEVEN OF THE UN CHARTER;
(C) THE LAST TWO POINTS IN THE AGENDA (PARAGRAPH 35) ARE NOTE-WORTHY: THE FIRST IS "A CALL UPON THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH

HAVE NOT YET DONE SO TO RECOGNIZE SWAPO AS THE SOLE AND AUTHENTIC
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE; THE SECOND CALLS FOR
A BROADENING OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA. THIS
LATTER POINT WAS REPORTEDLY BROUGHT ABOUT BY A REQUEST FROM THE
GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL.
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